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CASE NUMBER: CR25-00062 JSC

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<u>Instructions</u>: Effective November 1, 2016, this Criminal Cover Sheet 1 along with the Defendant Information Form, for each new criminal case.

CASE NAME:

USA V. JOSE BADILLO

This Case Under Seal?	Yes ✓	No
Total Number of Defendants:	1 ✓	2-7 8 or more
Does this case involve ONLY charges under 8 U.S.C. § 1325 and/or 1326?	Yes	No 🗸
Venue (Per Crim. L.R. 18-1):	SF ✓	OAK SJ
Is this a potential high-cost case?	Yes	No 🗸
Is any defendant charged with a death-penalty-eligible crime?	Yes	No 🗸
Is this a RICO Act gang case?	Yes	No 🗸
Assigned AUSA (Lead Attorney): Nicholas M. Parker		Date Submitted: March 11, 2025
Comments:		

United States District Court

FOR THE NORTHERN DISTRICT OF CALIFORNIA

VENUE: SAN FRANCISCO

CR25-00062 JSC

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA,

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JOSE BADILLO, a/k/a Jose Vicente Badillo,

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DEFENDANT(S).

INDICTMENT

18 U.S.C. §§ 844(i) and 844(n) – Conspiracy to Commit Arson;

18 U.S.C. §§ 844, 981, 982 and 28 U.S.C. § 2461 – Forfeiture Allegation

A true bill.
/S/ Foreperson of the Grand Jury
Foreman
Filed in open court this11th day of
March, 2025
Prenda Lopez
Brenda Lopez, Deputy Clerk
Astli Kuri Bail, \$ Summons

Hon. Sallie Kim, U.S. Magistrate Judge

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1	PATRICK D. ROBBINS (CABN 152288) Acting United States Attorney	Mar 11 2025			
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9	UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT				
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11	SAN FRANCISCO DIVISION				
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13	UNITED STATES OF AMERICA,	CASE NO. CR25-00062 JSC			
14	Plaintiff,	<u>VIOLATIONS</u> : 18 U.S.C. §§ 844(i) and 844(n) – Conspiracy to			
15	v.	Commit Arson;			
16	JOSE BADILLO, a/k/a JOSE VICENTE BADILLO,	18 U.S.C. §§ 844, 981, 982 and 28 U.S.C. § 2461 – Forfeiture Allegation			
17	Defendant.	SAN FRANCISCO VENUE			
18	Defendant.				
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20	INDI	<u>CTMENT</u>			
21	The Grand Jury charges:				
22	Introductory Allegations				
23	At all times relevant to this Indictment:				
24	1. Defendant JOSE BADILLO, a/k/a JOSE VICENTE BADILLO, resided in the Northern				
25	District of California and was associated with one or more commercial towing companies, including				
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27	2. Auto Towing provided towing services throughout the San Francisco Bay Area and				
28	operated out of a tow yard located at 1229 Underwood Avenue in San Francisco, California.				
	INDICTMENT				

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- 3. Specialty Towing provided towing services throughout—and operated out of multiple locations in—the San Francisco Bay Area, including a tow yard located on Oakdale Avenue in San Francisco, California.
- 4. CO-CONSPIRATOR 1, CO-CONSPIRATOR 2, and CO-CONSPIRATOR 3 resided in the Northern District of California.
- CO-CONSPIRATOR 4 resided in the Northern District of California, was a business associate of BADILLO, and was affiliated with one or more commercial towing companies, including Specialty Towing.

Manner and Means of the Conspiracy

- 6. The defendant, CO-CONSPIRATOR 1, CO-CONSPIRATOR 2, CO-CONSPIRATOR 3, and CO-CONSPIRATOR 4, and others known and unknown to the Grand Jury, conspired to and in fact did damage and destroy at least six competitor tow trucks by means of fire and explosives.
- 7. The conspiracy encompassed damage to and destruction of at least six competitor tow trucks by means of fire and explosives on or about at least the following four dates:
 - a. April 4, 2023: two tow trucks in San Francisco, California;
 - b. April 29, 2023: one tow truck in San Francisco, California;
 - c. July 25, 2023: one tow truck in East Palo Alto, California; and
 - d. October 3, 2023: two tow trucks in San Francisco, California.
- 8. The purpose of the conspiracy was, among other things, to retaliate against competitor towing companies for perceived wrongs and to drive more business to Auto Towing and Specialty Towing by impeding their competitors' business prospects. The defendant, CO-CONSPIRATOR 1, CO-CONSPIRATOR 2, CO-CONSPIRATOR 3, and CO-CONSPIRATOR 4, and others known and unknown to the Grand Jury, communicated with one another by phone, video call, text message, and in person, often using coded language, to coordinate, confirm, and boast about their arson campaign.
- 9. The defendant devised and orchestrated the conspiracy. The defendant then directed others, including CO-CONSPIRATOR 1, CO-CONSPIRATOR 2, and CO-CONSPIRATOR 3, to execute the scheme for him—that is, to damage and destroy the tow trucks described herein by means of fire and explosives.

1 COUNT ONE:

(18 U.S.C. §§ 844(i) and 844(n) – Conspiracy to Commit Arson)

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10. The allegations above are re-alleged and incorporated as if fully set forth here.

- 11.
- Beginning on a date unknown to the Grand Jury but no later than on or about April 4, 2023, and continuing through a date unknown to the Grand Jury but no earlier than on or about October 3, 2023, in the Northern District of California, the defendant,

JOSE BADILLO,

along with CO-CONSPIRATOR 1, CO-CONSPIRATOR 2, CO-CONSPIRATOR 3, and CO-CONSPIRATOR 4, and others known and unknown to the Grand Jury, did knowingly conspire to

maliciously damage and destroy, and attempt to do so, by means of fire and an explosive, any building, vehicle, and other real and personal property used in interstate and foreign commerce, and used in any activity affecting interstate and foreign commerce, namely tow trucks operated by commercial towing companies located in the Northern District of California.

- 12. The conspiracy encompassed damage to and destruction of at least the following six tow trucks by means of fire and explosives:
 - On or about April 4, 2023, one (1) 2008 white Sterling Bullet 45 tow truck and one (1) 2012 white Dodge Ram 4500 tow truck operated by a commercial towing company located in the Northern District of California and doing business in interstate and foreign commerce and in activity affecting interstate and foreign commerce;
 - On or about April 29, 2023: one (1) 2018 Peterbilt 579 "heavy wrecker" tow truck operated by a commercial towing company located in the Northern District of California and doing business in interstate and foreign commerce and in activity affecting interstate and foreign commerce;
 - On or about July 25, 2023, one (1) 2009 Ford F-550 tow truck operated by a commercial towing company located in the Northern District of California and doing business in interstate and foreign commerce and in activity affecting interstate and foreign commerce; and
 - On or about October 3, 2023, one (1) 2022 Dodge Ram 550 flatbed tow truck and one (1) 2007 Ford F-550 tow truck operated by a commercial towing company located in the Northern District of California and doing business in interstate and foreign commerce and in activity affecting interstate and foreign commerce,

1 in violation of Title 18, United States Code, Section 844(i). 2 All in violation of Title 18, United States Code, Section 844(n). 3 FORFEITURE ALLEGATION: (18 U.S.C. §§ 844, 981, 982; 28 U.S.C. § 2461) 4 The allegations contained in this Indictment are re-alleged and incorporated by reference for the 5 purpose of alleging forfeiture under Title 18, United States Code, Sections 844, 981, and 982, as well as 6 Title 28, United States Code, Section 2461 and Title 49, United States Code, Section 80303. 7 Upon conviction for the offense set forth in this Indictment, the defendant, 8 JOSE BADILLO, 9 shall forfeit to the United States, pursuant to Title 18, United States Code, Sections 981(a)(1)(C), (G), 982(a)(2)(B), and Title 28, United States Code, Section 2461(c), any property, real or personal, 10 11 constituting, or derived from, proceeds obtained, directly or indirectly, as a result of such violations, and 12 pursuant to Title 18, United States Code, Section 844(c) and Title 28, United States Code, Section 13 2461(c), any explosive materials and firearms involved, or used or intended to be used, in the violations, and a forfeiture money judgment. 14 15 If any of the property described above, as a result of any act or omission of the defendant: 16 cannot be located upon exercise of due diligence; a. 17 has been transferred or sold to, or deposited with, a third party; b. 18 has been placed beyond the jurisdiction of the court; c. 19 d. has been substantially diminished in value; or 20 has been commingled with other property which cannot be divided without e. 21 difficulty, 22 the United States of America shall be entitled to forfeiture of substitute property pursuant to Title 21, 23 United States Code, Section 853(p), as incorporated by Title 28, United States Code, Section 2461(c). 24 25 26 27 28

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All pursuant to Title 18, United States Code, Sections 844, 981, and 982, as well as Title 28,
United States Code, Section 2461 and Title 49, United States Code, Section 80303, and Federal Rule of
Criminal Procedure 32.2.

DATED: March 11, 2025 A TRUE BILL.

7 <u>/s/ Foreperson</u> FOREPERSON

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Case 3:25-cr-00062-JSC Document 1 Filed State 1 that's page 9 of 8 AO 257 (Rev. 6/78) DEFENDANT INFORMATION RELATIVE TO A CRIMINAL ACTION - IN U.S. DISTRICT COURT BY: U COMPLAINT U INFORMATION X INDICTMENT Name of District Court, and/or Judge/Magistrate Location NORTHERN DISTRICT OF CALIFORNIA SUPERSEDING OFFENSE CHARGED DIVISION- SAN FRANCISCO Petty 18 U.S.C. §§ 844(i) and 844(n) – Conspiracy to Commit Minor **DEFENDANT - U.S** 18 U.S.C. §§ 844, 981, 982; 28 U.S.C. § 2461- Forfeiture Allegation Misde-Jose Badillo (a/k/a Jose Vicente Badillo) meanor Felony DISTRICT COURT NUMBER PENALTY: • Imprisonment: Min. 5 - Max. 20 years CR25-00062 JSC \$250,000 • Fine: • Supervised Release: 3 years Special Assessment: \$100 Forfeiture **DEFENDANT** IS NOT IN CUSTODY **PROCEEDING** Has not been arrested, pending outcome this proceeding. Name of Complaintant Agency, or Person (& Title, if any) 1) L If not detained give date any prior Federal Bureau of Investigation summons was served on above charges person is awaiting trial in another Federal or State Court, 2) Is a Fugitive give name of court 3) X Is on Bail or Release from (show District) N.D. Cal. this person/proceeding is transferred from another district **FILED** per (circle one) FRCrp 20, 21, or 40. Show District IS IN CUSTODY Mar 11 2025 Mark B. Busby 4) On this charge CLERK, U.S. DISTRICT COURT NORTHERN DISTRICT OF CALIFORNIA this is a reprosecution of SAN FRANCISCO charges previously dismissed 5) On another conviction SHOW State which were dismissed on motion Federal DOCKET NO. 6) Awaiting trial on other charges DEFENSE U.S. ATTORNEY If answer to (6) is "Yes", show name of institution this prosecution relates to a If "Yes" Yes Has detainer L pending case involving this same give date defendant **MAGISTRATE** been filed? No filed CASE NO. Month/Day/Year **DATE OF** prior proceedings or appearance(s) ARREST before U.S. Magistrate regarding this defendant were recorded under Or... if Arresting Agency & Warrant were not Month/Day/Year **DATE TRANSFERRED** Name and Office of Person PATRICK D. ROBBINS TO U.S. CUSTODY Furnishing Information on this form x U.S. Attorney ☐ Other U.S. Agency This report amends AO 257 previously submitted Name of Assistant U.S. Nicholas M. Parker Attorney (if assigned) ADDITIONAL INFORMATION OR COMMENTS -PROCESS: Bail Amount: If Summons, complete following: * Where defendant previously apprehended on complaint, no new summons or X Arraignment X Initial Appearance warrant needed, since Magistrate has scheduled arraignment Defendant Address: Date/Time: 3/13/2025 | 10:30 am Before Judge: Kim

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